

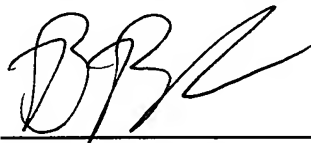
REMARKS

Claims 1-9 and 14-23 remain in this application, with Claim 1 presently amended and new Claims 14-23 added. This response merely corrects the List of Claims last submitted to identify Claims 2-3 and 5-8 as "withdrawn" instead of "original." Claim 1 remains a linking claim, and if deemed allowable, the withdrawn claims should be also allowed as depending from an allowable base claim.

In view of the foregoing and in view of Applicants' response filed September 19, 2005, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested, and a timely Notice of Allowability is solicited. To the extent that it would be helpful to placing this application in condition for allowance, Applicants encourage the Examiner to contact the undersigned counsel and conduct a telephonic interview.

Although no fees are believed due in connection with the filing of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0639.

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